

Fifth Sunday of Lent ***March 26, 2023***

St. Michael's, Spalding—St. Theresa's, Ericson—Sacred Heart, Greeley

PALM SUNDAY
April 2: Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
Philippians 2:6-11
Matthew 21:1-11

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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Eze 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

At this point in our Lenten journey, it is tempting to grow weary of the spiritual disciplines we have taken on. Today's readings inspire us to remain faithful, in grateful response to a God who loves us so much.

In our first reading, the prophet Ezekiel speaks God's own words to us. "I will put my spirit in you that you may live... I have promised and I will do it, says the Lord." Our God wants to be so closely united to us that we are one with Him. And He has promised He will do it. But only if we make room for Him by making Him THE priority of our lives. Putting God first is a grateful response that is very pleasing to Him.

How can we do this? Our second reading, from Romans, tells us. "Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh... you are in the spirit if only the Spirit of God dwells in you." The disciplines of Lent and the discipleship way of life are wonderful gifts that free us from too great an attachment to "the flesh." The sacrifices we make as disciples of Christ are not meant to restrict our freedom and joy. Quite the contrary. They are tools to help us find the real freedom and joy that only come when we make room in our lives for God.

As we journey closer to the Passion of our Lord, let us intensify our Lenten resolutions and our discipleship way of life, inviting the Holy Spirit to take over more and more of our lives. By Easter, we will be freer to rejoice in Him and truly pleasing to God. May God bless you in all your efforts to be witnesses of Christ's resurrection in our lives, and in the life of our families! *Fr. Antony*

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT	03/25	5:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Deceased Valasek Family
SUN	03/26	7:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	PEOPLE OF PARISH
		9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	Sr. Mary Citlali
		11:00 a.m.	ST. THERESA'S	† Francis & Mildred Fritz
TUE	03/28	9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	† Patricia McQuillan
WED	03/29	10:00 a.m.	ASSISTED LIVING	† Tom Harrahill
THU	03/30	5:00 p.m.	ST. CATHARINE'S	† Bill & Cheri Pfeifer
FRI	03/31	8:15 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Marie Jacobi
SAT	04/01	7:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† John Koenig
SUN	04/02	7:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	Faith Heinz
		9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	PEOPLE OF PARISH
		11:00 a.m.	ST THERESA'S	† Jan Davis

COMMUNION SERVICES

SM at 8:00 a.m.

SH at 9:00 a.m.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention of the Month: For victims of abuse. We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS OF LENT



Sacred Heart— 5PM
St. Michael's—7PM

REST IN PEACE Our condolences and prayers to the families of Leila Bauer & Lorraine Gilroy buried from St. Michael's. Please keep them in your prayers.



St. Theresa's First Reconciliation today, March 26

Congratulations to Jett Palmer & Darren Reich. We continue to pray for them as they discover the peace and amazing love of God's forgiveness.



ST. MICHAEL'S 40 HOUR ADORATION:

Sunday, April 2 after 7a.m. Mass until Monday, April 3 midnight. Please sign up at the main entrance.



CHRISM MASS,

Monday March 27, 4pm, at St. Pat's, North Platte. The Chrism Mass takes place in each diocese throughout the world to bless the oils that will be used to celebrate the sacraments in all parishes.



BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Tuesdays
12:00 noon

**SM—
Saturday
evening
Mass time
changes
April 1st to
7 pm.**

Fifth Week of Lent: Rend Your Hearts, Not Your Garments, and Return to the Lord, Your God:

This week, take a walk without your phone or other distractions and look up at the nature and people you meet while giving thanks to God for the beauty you encounter.

PARISH MEETINGS

SM/ST KofC: Tuesday, April 4, 8pm

ST Altar Society: Sunday, April 9, after Mass

School Board: Monday April 10, 7pm

SH Parish Council: Wednesday, April 12, @ 8pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Michael's
Dominican
Center

Sacred Heart
Chapel

St. Theresa's

WEEKLY

**Wednesday,
8:30 am to
8:00 pm**





MONTHLY

**40 hrs begins April 2.
No adoration
First Friday, April 7.**

**First Tuesday, April 4
9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.**

**Last Sunday of month
for Vocations, 10 a.m.**

ST. MICHAEL'S	SACRED HEART	ST. THERESA'S																						
<p>LECTOR</p> <p>April 1: Sharon Seamann, Sara Seamann</p> <p>April 2: Dalton Rankin, Jean Herrera</p> <p>EMHC</p> <p>April 1: Keri Carraher, Stacey Bauer, Ed & Mandy McCarthy</p> <p>April 2: Jeremiah Seamann, Joe Seamann</p> <p>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS</p> <p>April 1: Kurt & Holly Carraher, Roberta Seamann, Volunteer</p> <p><u>Gift Bearer:</u> Emery Seier & Family</p> <p>April 2: Bill Spelic, Marilyn Leslie, Volunteer</p> <p>ALTAR SERVERS</p> <p>April 1: Grace, Ryann, Jacob & Myah Mahony</p> <p>April 2: Jack, Aspyr, Lily & Kinsley Molt</p> <p>MUSIC MINISTRY</p> <p>April 1: Linda</p> <p>April 2: Linda</p> <div><div><p>SM CDA Rosary , Thursdays, before Mass, 4:30 in the chapel.</p></div></div>	<p>LECTOR</p> <p>April 2: Youth Ministry</p> <p>Narrator: Deacon Paul</p> <p>EMHC</p> <p>April 2: Youth Ministry</p> <p>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS</p> <p>April 2: Youth Ministry</p> <p>ALTAR SERVERS</p> <p>April 2: Youth Ministry</p> <p>MUSIC MINISTRY</p> <p>April 2: Youth Choir</p> <p>ROSARY</p> <p>April 2: Cathy Hansen</p> <p>SACRISTAN</p> <p>April 2: Cathy Hansen</p> <p>COLLECTION COUNTERS</p> <p>April 2: Donna and Denny</p> <p>ASSISTED LIVING</p> <p>April 2: Susie Lammers</p>	<p>LECTOR</p> <p>April 2: Joyce Bos</p> <p>EMHC</p> <p>April 2: Deacon Paul, Jenna Landgren</p> <p>Lori King</p> <p>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS</p> <p>April 2: Travis & Jessica Reich</p> <p>ALTAR SERVERS</p> <p>CHURCH CLEANING</p> <p>March: Kaye Day, Terri Weber, Paula Heinz</p> <p>PRAYER CHAIN</p> <p>Call: Helen Plugge, Sue Patrick</p> <p>ROSARY</p> <p>For Vocations—Sundays 10:00 a.m. prior to Mass.</p> <p>Thursday morning Communion Service 9:00 a.m. followed by Rosary and Adoration.</p> 																						
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"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'" JOHN 11:40

Lenten Brown Bag Talk this Wednesday, March 29, 12:00-1:00 pm at Cathedral Square in Grand Island.
Speaker: Bishop Emeritus Wm Dendinger
Topic: "Parables—A Way of Teaching"



GREELEY ASSISTED LIVING FUNDRAISER:

Greeley Assisted Living is hosting a breakfast buffet fundraiser **this Sunday**, March 26, 9:30-12:00 noon. Free Will Donation.



SM, SH, ST TRAVELING CRUCIFIX FOR VOCATIONS

Please consider signing up for one week and pray for vocations with your family. Help us build the culture of vocations through the grace of daily prayer. Your prayers will make a difference.



Knights of Columbus scholarship

apps need to be filled out and returned to Allan Rolf by April 15. Catholic Senior boys from Spalding Academy, Riverside, or Wheeler Central are eligible. Need more info? Please call Allan 308-223-0477



Next month:

World Day of Prayer for Vocations—April 30



Knights of Columbus Fish Fries 5:30pm—7:00pm

SM—Parish Center, March 31
SH—Church Basement (every Friday except Good Friday)



CHURCH ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTIONS may be sent to the office weekly or monthly. St. Michael's & St. Theresa's may be sent to **PO Box 310**, Spalding. Sacred Heart may be sent to **PO Box 99**, Greeley. Automatic withdrawal (ACH) from your bank account can be set up for SM, ST, or SH. Contact the parish for details.



SM/St. Anne

April Church Cleaning: Circle of Joy
Side B: Tami Keber, Sara Mahony—Prefects
Rotation: Hope, Joy, Trust

April Men's Club Team # 4: Jeff Carraher, Boots Seamann



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WHAT'S COOKING IN SPALDING COOKBOOKS

Catholic Daughters have received another shipment of cookbooks. Need a great birthday gift idea? Get yours now! Cost: \$20.
Contact Sharon Seamann 308-750-4667 or Sharon Roach 402-730-7034.



SAVE THE DATE: Attention Young Adults

Theology on Tap will be meeting once again at Kinkaiders in Grand Island April 2 @ 7pm. Guest Speaker, former FOCUS missionary and Evangelist from the Archdiocese of Omaha, Calvin Mueller, will help us prepare for "Entering into Holy Week".

THANK YOU to all St. Anne ladies for their extra help with general church cleaning this week. Thank you also to SA students and Boots Seamann for their assistance with church cleaning as well!

Thank You!

DCCW Spring Assembly:

The Spring Assembly will be held at Camp Comeca near Cozad on April 14-15. Theme for this year is "Wide Open Heart—Abiding in Faith, Hope and Love".

Sr. Faustina Lightfoot of Waverly will be the Friday night speaker. Divine Mercy will be the topic of her talk. Hannah Van Kap will be the Saturday speaker. The title of her talk is "Empowering Smart Choices in a Digital World".

Registrations due by April 1. Pick up your forms at the back of church or contact Vicki Harvey for a form.

The cost is \$100 for the two days with lodging in the hotel, or \$75 for the two days with lodging in the dorm, or \$50 if attending just for 1 day.

FIRST TIME ATTENDEES CAN ATTEND FOR HALF PRICE.

FAITH HOPE LOVE



In the Eucharist, with the eyes of faith we see before us Jesus Christ, who, in the Incarnation became flesh (Jn 1:14) and who in the Paschal Mystery gave himself for us (Ti 2:14), accepting even death on a cross (Phil 2:8). St. John Chrysostom preached that when you see the

Body of Christ "set before you [on the altar], say to yourself: Because of this Body I am no longer earth and ashes, no longer a prisoner, but free: because of this I hope for heaven, and to receive the good things therein, immortal life, the portion of angels, [and closeness] with Christ." (USCCB The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church #19) eucharisticrevival.org.

Embrace the Gift of the Eucharist. Join us June 10, 2023, for the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress, North Platte, NE, information and registration can be found at gidiocese.org/eucharistic-revival

Lenten Gatherings in Spalding:

When: Mar.31st, Friday evening following 7pm Stations of the Cross (approximately 7:30pm)

Where: St. Michael's Church Basement

What: We will finish ALTARATION: **The Mystery of the Mass Revealed.** We will also learn about Blessed Carlo Acutis, (1991-2006) The First Millennial to be beatified. Even though only 15 years old, he spent his life devoted to Jesus and was determined to spread the truth of Eucharistic miracles around the world.

2022/23 Diocesan Appeal Update as of 3-20-23



Sacred Heart Parish/Greeley

Parish Goal:	\$15,103
Total Raised:	\$12,622
Household Goal:	42
Current Households:	28

St Michael's Parish/Spalding

Parish Goal:	\$15,557
Total Raised:	\$16,873
Household Goal:	55
Current Households:	55

St Theresa's Parish/Ericson

Parish Goal:	\$5,228
Total Raised:	\$5,397
Household Goal:	15
Current Households:	15

Diocese Goal:	\$1,200,000
Total Raised:	\$929,170

Our elected officials need to hear our voices!

You're needed for a day of advocacy at the Capitol at **Catholics at the Capitol** on Wednesday, April 12th! Learn from Governor Pillen, Nebraska Catholic Conference staff, and State Senators about advancing the cause for life, family, religious liberty, and more. Plus, meet your state senator, and learn how to advocate year-round.

Tickets are a steal at \$15 each, covering the cost of refreshments and lunch. Whether you've never been engaged in politics before or you are a politico, this event is for you. Don't let yourself be spoken for. Show up and speak up at Catholics at the Capitol on April 12th.

Learn more and sign up at NECatholic.org.

Let Us Walk Together in the Footsteps of Jesus, Celebrating His Ministry

10 DAY Pilgrimage with Fr. Antony Thekkekara to the

HOLY LAND Feb. 2024

To Register or for questions call Camil Saadi

308-293-6162

+ Tel Aviv + Nazareth + Cana + Sea of Galilee + Jordan River + Mt. Tabor + Jerusalem
+ Gethsemane + Bethlehem + Jericho + Dead Sea + Mt. Zion + Holy Sepulcher



Basilica of the Annunciation Church



The Old City, Jerusalem

Come live, feel and EXPERIENCE the unforgettable Journey of Jesus Christ through a 10 day adventure in the Holy Land. A tour filled with life enriching and faith illuminating events that will strengthen your faith.

The places we will visit and the people we meet will make the Bible come Alive. As we visit the Basilica of the Annunciation church in Nazareth where the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary, Bethlehem the birth place of Jesus, Shepherd's Fields where the angels announced to the shepherds the birth of the Christ and Galilee, where he called his disciples to follow him. Stand upon the holy mountain top where he performed the miracle of the fish and the bread. We will worship through this journey as we visit Cana, the village of Jesus' first miracle of changing water into wine, the Jordan river and the Mount of Olives. Retrace the last steps of our risen Lord as he bore the cross for us with a walk along the Via Dolorosa and a visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem. It is an unforgettable life changing event, the perfect place to bring your faith alive.

